

Arlington Public Art
Committee Meeting January 22, 2015

Meeting minutes

In attendance: Adria Arch, Lorri Berenberg, Martina Tanga, Debbie Page, Jill Manca, Jane Howard, Gail McCormick, Bill Turville, David Ardito

The meeting began with a review and approval of the minutes from the 12/18/14.

Youth Initiative:

Adria wrote a proposal that included a paid coordinator for the project.
Adria and Jane met with Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager. He feels it will be possible for the funding for this project to be kept in the town's Fund for Public Art. He is currently exploring this with Town Counsel and we are waiting to hear back from him. Next step is to attend a Selectmen's meeting and propose the project for approval. Aiming for next fall for beginning of project
Banners will be digitally produced and can be 2-sided
Martina will draft a budget for the project that will serve as a project guideline and may be presented to the donors

Public Art Consultant:

Jean Mineo's budget for her proposal is approximately \$10,000 (a modest amount)
Adam Chapdelaine seemed optimistic regarding the possibility of coming up with the funds – he will present a request for funds from the Finance Committee in a warrant article this winter.
Grafton Street is a definite location and we would begin with this one site.
Question raised: Do we need a town warrant to hire the consultant?
There was some discussion about involving ATED (Arlington Tourism and Economic Development) and the Capitol Square businesses. Adria will try to attend these meetings and explain where we are with the process. Adam C. feels it is important to have both groups on board.

Art Rocks Spy Pond:

Received \$1,000 from the Arts Council to pay the artists. Will need to add the MCC logo to all our publicity, digital and printed materials.
Deadline for proposals is February 15, 2015.
Martina and Lorri will send the Call for Artists to local art schools and universities. Others on committee are urged to also circulate the "Call".
There was a discussion as to whether or not a sculpture could potentially be permanent at the site or at least on extended view. Permanent is not feasible at this time but a short extended view may be possible

Transformer Boxes:

Flyer has been produced and will be distributed

We may not be able to use the transformer box behind Trader Joes as there is a question as to who owns it.

David will be overseeing the box at the High School. Every student in the art department at AHS will receive a flyer

APA Retreat Update: (note: this will be open to the general public)

Sarah Hutt will be the presenter. She will talk about public art in Boston.

Schedule:

9-10am: Coffee

10-11:30am: Sarah's presentation (Vision 2020 has given APA the funds to pay Sarah)

11:30-noon: General discussion

12noon- 1pm: APA business meeting (this may serve as the Feb meeting)

New Business:

Ecofest: March 7th, 10am – 2pm at Town Hall

APA will have a table and possibly an interactive art activity using recycled materials

APA will try to have a flyer that promotes the current and upcoming initiatives

Adria expressed that she would like to have an APA calendar produced

Meeting adjourned.